

**AMBLER BOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT**  
**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE REGARDING PFAS**

Ambler Borough Water Department continues to remain active and updated regarding issues related to polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The purpose of this Notice is to provide information regarding the legislative status of PFAS in drinking water, and recent actions taken by Ambler. As has been shared previously, these compounds remain unregulated nationally by US EPA and in Pennsylvania by PA DEP. The current Lifetime Health Advisory of 70 ppt for individual or combined levels of PFOS and PFOA is not an enforceable regulatory limit, but an advisory of potential health effects from exposure above such level. All of Ambler's sources continue to be significantly below this level.

Because of the growing concern nationwide, and specifically in southeastern Pennsylvania regarding these compounds, the Borough of Ambler passed a Resolution on September 18, 2018 encouraging the US EPA to move forward in a timely manner to assess additional data and information available to determine the need for a revised Lifetime Health Advisory or an enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level for PFAS.

In Pennsylvania, Governor Wolf, on September 19, 2018, signed an Executive Order establishing a multi-agency PFAS action team to address concerns surrounding PFAS. According to the Order, the team is expected to develop a comprehensive response to PFAS, including implementation of a "scientifically-sound, thoughtful, holistic, and proactive approach to addressing this emerging contaminant." In the absence of action at the federal level regarding this very important issue, Ambler is encouraged by the initiative being taken at the State level.

In the absence of enforceable standards for PFAS in Pennsylvania, Ambler has also evaluated its PFOS/PFOA results against recommended health-based standards in New Jersey and drinking water notification levels in California. Both New Jersey and California are using levels of 14 ppt for PFOA and 13 ppt for PFOS. Where public water suppliers exceed these levels, New Jersey and California recommend public notification and additional steps be taken to evaluate and reduce exposure. Although these levels are also non-enforceable at this time, they are more stringent advisories based on further data and scientific evaluations by agencies in those states. In reviewing Ambler's PFOS and PFOA results at each of its sources and tanks, it was determined that all are below these more stringent advisory levels.

Ambler Borough will continue to be engaged, updated, and in compliance with any recommendations and requirements from our federal and state regulators regarding this very important national public health issue.